

**Patent Application** 

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2002. A request for a two-month extension and the appropriate fee are enclosed. Please charge any deficit or credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 01-1960. Applicant hereby amends the above-entitled application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claim for the pending claim of the same number:

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38. (Amended). The pick combination recited in Claim 10, and adapted for use by a user having a thumb with a meatus, further comprising:

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